

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, January 22, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review meeting was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Ms. Williams, Ms. Davis, Mr. Brendel, Mr. Walker, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Sandbeck. None were absent. Also present were Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Ms. Davis, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brendel, Mr. Walker,
Mr. Spence, and Mr. Sandbeck.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: Mr. Spence & Mr. Sandbeck (ARB# 10-02 & Sign# 04-02).

**ARB# 08-02 Williams/704 Jamestown Road – Addition to Single-Family Dwelling
- approved**

**ARB# 10-02 CWF/105 Visitors Center Drive- Alteration to Cascades Motel Check-In
Building Modifications - approved**

ARB

**Sign# 04-02 The Precious Gem/ 423 West Duke of Gloucester Street – Building
Mounted Sign – approved**

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

**ARB# 09-02 Matthews/ 616 Richmond Road – Exterior Change (replace windows
on 3rd story floor)**

Dale Trowbridge, contractor representing the applicant, was present to discuss the exterior changes for the dwelling at 616 Richmond Road. Mr. Trowbridge stated that the owner proposes to convert the third floor of the dwelling into living quarters requiring windows on the Dillard side of the dwelling to meet egress requirements of the Building Code. He proposed two options to meet egress requirement as submitted with the application. He agreed with staff's comments and would propose option two being

approved because it fits the architecture of the house better. Mr. Trowbridge proposed that the quarter round windows be replaced on both ends of the dwelling to make it look better.

Mr. Walker asked if the windows would meet the Building Code requirements. Mr. Trowbridge replied, yes.

Mr. Sandbeck expressed concern that the change from quarter round windows, a distinctive feature to this dwelling to a 6/6 windows would take away from the historic architecture of this dwelling and that it is listed in the City's Listing of Locally Significant Architecture and Areas. He asked Mr. Trowbridge if he had explored other options? Mr. Trowbridge stated that based upon Building Code requirements egress from the bedroom requires a larger window than the quarter round windows.

After a general discussion about the windows, it was the consensus of the Board that Option 2 was the preferable option.

Ms. Davis motioned to approve ARB# 09-02 upon the condition Option# 2 being used for the replacement windows.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Ms. Davis, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brendel, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Spence.

Nay: Mr. Sandbeck.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

**ARB# 11-02 & Sign# 06-02 WHRA/601 Prince George Street – Exterior Change
(planters, sidewalks, etc.) / Freestanding & Building Mounted Sign**

Thomas Tingle, Guernsey & Tingle Architects, and Jim Gurganus, Director of Williamsburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority were present to discuss the plans for exterior changes at the Triangle Building. Mr. Tingle gave a brief history of the building, and stated a list of concerns that were made by the owner and tenants about the buildings exterior.

Mr. Tingle purposed the following improvements:

- Add an outdoor dining area at the Prince George Street and Armistead Avenue intersection.
- Add a small public plaza at the Armistead Avenue and Scotland Street intersection.
- Add a vinyl coated fabric awnings to cover the store entrances. The awning material will be dark blue and off-white lettering will be used for the store names that appear on the awning. After a discussion the board decided this would be acceptable.

- Remove signage on the storefront bands for replacement on awnings and freestanding signs. Mr. Tingle stated the freestanding signs would mimic the pole-mounted signs in Merchant Square.
- Provide planter walls along Armistead Avenue.
- Provide benches around the building. The board agreed that the benches Mr. Tingle presented were acceptable.
- Provide new landscaping and lighting. After a general discussion the board decided the landscaping would be an improvement, but the lighting portion would not be decided on until Mr. Tingle could show them a lighting scheme.
- Place a sculpture at the corner of Scotland St. and Armistead Ave. The board was in general agreement that Mr. Tingle would have to bring back a rendering of the sculpture before they could decide on it.

Mr. Spence motioned to approve ARB#11-02 conditioned upon the applicant returning for approval of the lighting scheme and sculpture.

Mr. Spence motioned to approve ARB Sign# 06-02 conditioned upon the following:

- Sign field colors must be one of the following:
SW1532 "Crowning Glory"
SW 2378 "Octatillo"
SW 1308 "Artful Auburn"
- Text: Six-inch maximum height; "cloister bold" style with SW 2445 "Creamy White" Lettering and logo
- Black steel surround with a wooden post.
- The awning must be a vinyl coated fabric "Dark Blue" and any letter on the awnings must be "cloister bold style" with SW 2445 "Creamy White" lettering.
- The awning must not be backlit or uplighted in accordance with the Design Review Guidelines.
- The applicant shall return with the light fixture proposed for the signs when a final fixture has been determined.
- Staff may approve signs, which meet the above criteria without returning to the Architectural Review Board for approval. Any proposed signs which does not meet the criteria must return to Architectural Review Board for approval.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Ms. Davis, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brendel, Mr. Walker, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Sandbeck.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Corridor Protection District

ARB# 125-01 Taco Bell/1812 Richmond Road – New Restaurant

Michael Palmer and Byron Chandler were present to discuss the revised plans for the new Taco Bell Restaurant. Mr. Palmer went over the changes made to the building based upon comments from the Board at the last meeting ARB#125-01. He also mentioned that the dumpster was relocated to help reduce noise to the adjacent town homes on the rear.

Mr. Spence asked what was the design on the building mounted lights? Mr. Palmer stated that the building lights had green chili peppers on them. Ms. Davis noted that chili peppers on the light fixtures would count towards the 32 square foot building mounted signage allowed for the building. Mr. Palmer noted that the chili peppers would be removed from the lights if they would be deducted from the building mounted signage.

Ms. Davis asked what type of light fixture was proposed for the parking lot. Mr. Chandler stated a 24 foot bronze pole with a box fixture was proposed. He noted that the light source would be high-pressure sodium. Mr. Brendel asked if a lighting plan had been prepared for the project? Mr. Palmer stated that they were working on the light plan but one had not been submitted with this application. It was the consensus of the Board, that a lighting plan must be submitted to the Board for approval.

Ms. Davis asked what color brick was proposed for the building. Mr. Palmer stated the brick has a red tone similar to the Piccadilly across the street from Taco Bell. A sample of the brick was presented to the Board.

Ms. Davis asked what colors were proposed for the signs? Mr. Palmer stated that the colors were violet, magenta, and yellow. Mr. Spence explained that the colors suggested did not meet the approved colors from the ARB color palette and that he would not recommend approval of the proposed colors. Mr. Chandler stated that the approved template did not contain any colors that met corporate colors for Taco Bell. Ms. Davis noted that the **Design Review Guidelines** state “signs should be compatible with the architectural character of the related building and site” and suggested that the applicant use colors from the color palette that relate to the colors proposed for the building which are from the color palette. She noted that the Pizza Hut in the City has a brown roof instead of a red roof to meet the City’s Design Review Guidelines.

Mr. Williams asked if anyone in the audience had any concerns with the project? Ann White, from the Skipwith Townhome complex, stated she was pleased that the dumpster was relocated, and that it would help with some of the noise problem.

Mr. Brendel motioned to approve ARB# 125-01 upon the condition the following the applicant returning with a proposed lighting and signage plan for the project.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Ms. Davis, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brendel, Mr. Walker, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Sandbeck.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

SIGNS

ARB

Sign# 05-02 Bella/ 427 West Duke of Gloucester Street-Freestanding & Building Mounted Sign

Mr. & Ms. Squire was present to discuss their sign proposals for Bella on Merchant's Square. Mr. Squire stated that they had revised the colors for the signs to match colors from the approved color palette. Ms. Murphy presented revised plans and color samples for the Board to review.

Mr. Brendel asked Mr. Squire if the freestanding sign was flat or 3-Dimensional? Mr. Squire stated it was flat, but it looked 3-Dimensional in the picture because the artist thought it looked better that way on paper.

Mr. Squire noted that the yellow had been removed from the awning on the building. Therefore, the awning colors would be Raleigh Tavern Red with an Everard Dining Room Cream text to compliment the freestanding sign.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the revised plans submitted at the meeting for ARB Sign# 05-02.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Ms. Davis, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brendel, and Mr. Walker.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: Mr. Spence and Mr. Sandbeck.

OTHER

Minutes of January 8, 2002, meeting

The minutes were approved with minor corrections as presented by Mr. Williams.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Note ARB# 11-02 & 06-02

The Board asked staff, to contact the applicant for ARB# 11-02 & 06-02 and ask them if they would use the canvas awnings vs. vinyl coated fabric awnings to conform with the Architectural Preservation District 1 guidelines.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer